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RE: FOIL (50 years of use of force records)

The City of Buffalo Police Department (BPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Law request. Please allow this letter to serve as an acknowledgment of your request pursuant to New York State Public Officer's Law, Section 89, entitled Freedom of Information Law.

Although FOIL is based upon the presumption of access to agency records, FOIL requests must reasonably describe the records sought to enable an agency to perform a diligent search. See Public Officers Law §89(3). The Court of Appeals held that a request reasonably describes the records sought when agency staff has the ability, with reasonable effort, to identify and locate said records. See *Konigsberg v. Coughlin*, 68 NY2d 245 (1986). Be advised that your request is too voluminous to research.

Please be advised that you have the right to appeal any denial contained herein in writing within thirty (30) days. Appeals must be directed to Timothy A Ball, Corporation Counsel, City of Buffalo Law Department, 1100 City Hall, Buffalo NY 14202.

Respectfully,
Jeff Rinaldo

Captain
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